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Applicants : Fred ZACOUTO et al.

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Examiner: B. Snow

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For : SKELETAL IMPLANT

**REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner For Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 23313-1450  
Sir:

Please extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2003 by three (3) months, from December 1, 2003 to March 1, 2004 (February 29, 2004 being a Sunday). A check including the amount of \$ 475.00 is enclosed as payment for the fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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